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### City of Hobbs announces altering of events schedule and revision of hours of operation to several City facilities as Precaution to COVID-19.

On March 12, 2020, New Mexico Health Secretary Kathy Kunkel issued a Public Health Order to Limit Mass Gatherings Due to COVID-19, which aims at limiting events that bring together 100 or more people in a single location. In an effort to comply with this order, the City of Hobbs will be altering our events schedule and will be revising the hours of operation of several City facilities. Please understand that this decision, while certainly inconvenient to our residents, is aimed at preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hobbs, New Mexico – our greatest partner.

In an effort to determine the best course of action forward, City of Hobbs has been actively communicating with the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH). The NMDOH has set up a website specifically designed to keep New Mexicans informed of the ever-changing nature of this public threat. Please visit NMDOH's website at: [cv.nmhealth.org/](http://cv.nmhealth.org/). Arming our residents with the requisite information regarding this issue is our greatest weapon in this fight.


To that end, the City of Hobbs will also be establishing a website aimed at supplying our residents with the greatest amount of information possible, specific to our location. Please visit the City's website at: [www.hobbsnm.org/update/](http://www.hobbsnm.org/update/). This website will: inform our residents of any City facility closures or revised hours of operation; inform our residents of any alterations to scheduled events at City facilities; and include other recommended links to information regarding local responses to this public threat.

The City will evaluate the situation daily and continually update the public regarding altering of the events schedule and revision of hours of operation at City facilities. In the interim, City staff will continue to routinely monitor facilities for health issues of any kind, identify safety concerns, and increase the frequency with which certain areas are disinfected. If you are aware of any such issues inside a City facility, please inform a member of the City staff immediately.

In addition, we are asking residents of Hobbs to take extra precautions and be vigilant about your health. We are also asking that you follow the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) recommendation to stay home if you are sick. If you have flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath, you are highly encourage to stay home and return only after having contacted the NMDOH at their hotline 1-855-600-3453 for further guidance. In the event of an outbreak, the City will follow the steps we have in place to track infectious disease(s), notify health department officials, and keep our residents updated.

I am honored to work alongside you in our fight against the spread of this public threat. Thank you for your cooperation, patience, and commitment to doing everything possible to protect our community during this unique time.

Respectfully,

  
Sam D. Cobb  
Mayor